

Iraq where she saved lives, cared for the wounded and served her country with great distinction.

Beyond her tours of duty, Wilson is devoted to educating and training our military personnel. She teaches life-saving skills to military personnel so they will be able to provide the best possible care when deployed and under wartime conditions.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Air Force Nurse Corps leader for serving our country and protecting the lives of fellow service men and women in combat.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3585) to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Solar Technology Roadmap Act because I believe that a strong commitment to solar technology is essential if we're going to lead our country into a robust clean energy economy.

I want to commend my colleague from New York, Mr. HINCHEY, for his leadership and for partnering with me to ensure that there's a diverse regional balance in the Solar Technology Roadmap.

I'd especially like to thank Chairman GORDON for incorporating the Israel Amendment into his Manager's Amendment. This language requires the Solar Roadmap Committee to work with the Departments of Interior and Defense, the National Park Service, and the General Services Administration on the potential for solar demonstration projects on federal lands. We must be using all the resources we have to tap into renewable energy.

We have significant resources in the National Parks and on military bases around the country. Just last month, I was hiking in the Grand Canyon and realized the enormous potential for renewable energy on the roofs of visitors centers alone. This past spring I was at Fort Drum touring the expansive land available there for a robust solar installation that will contribute to an independent energy supply for the base. Our National Parks and federal lands should be landmarks for innovation, efficiency and renewable energy.

Currently, National Parks' renewable energy generation rates are only 1.5 percent of their total average need. The Park Service needs to install 5.8 MW of renewable energy sources between now and 2013 to meet current federal mandates. Just 50 of our 391 National Parks use 80 percent of the total energy consumed by the National Park Service. Solar demonstration projects in these high-use parks could tremendously reduce the energy consumption of the entire National Park system.

The DOD is the single largest energy user in the United States. Any marginal increases in efficiency or the use of renewable sources

could have significant impacts on civilian supply. According to DOD reports, the military consumes 1.2 percent of the energy required in the entire country. By 2013, the military must acquire 7.5 percent of its electricity from renewables. Energy is not just an economic and environmental issue, but this shows that it's a national security issue as well.

Again, I thank the gentleman for yielding and look forward to continuing to work with him to reform U.S. energy policy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on October 26, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 368 and H. Res. 562 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 814 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 815 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 562, Congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Mens Lacrosse Tournament, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2009, I was unfortunately unable to be present for recorded votes while at home recovering from a collapsed lung.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote No. 814 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 815 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 562), "no" on rollcall vote No. 816 (on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2996), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 817 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2489, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 818 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 854).

RECOGNIZING THE "SWEATS FOR VETS" INITIATIVE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Sweats for Vets" initiative taking place in Virginia's 10th District, which I am honored to represent in Congress.

When I visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center during August recess, I learned about

an effort being undertaken by groups of veterans and other organizations across the United States to provide "pieces of home" to our wounded warriors in veterans' hospitals. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1177, based in Leesburg, Virginia, is one of these groups. Their "Sweats for Vets" program has provided sweatpants, sweatshirts, and books to patients at the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital, as part of the hospital's support program. This gesture helps make a hospital more comfortable for our wounded soldiers.

The town of Purcellville, also located in the 10th District, has joined with VFW Post 1177 and American Legion Post 293 in collecting sweat sets for patients in local veterans' hospitals. The "Sweats for Vets" initiative has become a tremendous morale booster. I would like to recognize the Purcellville mayor, Bob Lazaro, for leading the initiative in the town. By undertaking this project, he is leading an important effort to help our wounded warriors and improve their stay in the hospital.

I salute the efforts of both VFW Post 1177 and the town of Purcellville, to help bring comfort to those service personnel recovering in veterans' hospitals.

HONORING HENRY GAWRONSKI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Gawronski, a lifelong resident of Bucks County and dedicated public servant. For 44 years, Henry has served his country and his community, whether through his time in the Navy, his positions on the school board, or as a Township Supervisor.

Henry graduated from Central Bucks High School in 1955, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Navy twenty years later in July of 1975 and devoted his time to his auto body business on a fulltime basis. He has five children and was deeply involved in the school board, serving as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the Palisades School Board during his six years of service beginning in 1980.

In 1983, Henry became one of the founding members of the Palisades Republican Club. He felt that the formation of the this club would help unite the Republicans in his rural area and encourage local, county, and state candidates to attend so community members could see, hear, and question what they had to say in person.

Henry became a Township Supervisor in January of 1988. During his eighteen year tenure, he has served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. In 1989, he spearheaded the project to build an addition to the Nockamixon Township Building, and managed to fund it through donations of money and labor—at no cost to the township. Six years ago, he made his dream of a huge party for the township a reality by forming and helping coordinate an annual Nockamixon Township Community Day. Generous donations allow residents and guests to be treated to free entertainment, food, and door prizes.

Henry has devoted the better portion of his life to public service—20 years in the Navy, 6

years on the Palisades School Board, and 18 years as a Nockamixon Township Supervisor. Throughout this time, he has been a dedicated husband, father of five, and grandfather of six.

His commitment to service and the dedication he has shown to improving his community are a model for others. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Henry Gawronski for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

INTRODUCING THE SERVICEMEMBER STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RELIEF ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, our brave student servicemembers defending the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries abroad are often charged interest on their federal college student loans while deployed. Because this interest is costly and unfair, I rise today to introduce the Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act to end the practice.

This legislation builds upon a provision included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H.R. 4137) in the 110th Congress, which prevents interest from accruing on loans originated after October 2008 during activations. The provision provided important relief to servicemembers who intended to take out loans in the future, but it did not address those who currently had student loan debt.

The bill I introduce today corrects that issue and provides interest relief to all active duty servicemembers with eligible loans. Our students in uniform could save up to \$1,479 during a 12- to 15-month activation under this bill, according to estimates.

As our servicemembers put themselves in harm's way, the least we can do is put their student loans on hold until they return home. I'm pleased to work with Senator BAYH on this important issue.

I urge passage of this legislation and yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsman traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave

Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Dominick "Duke" Adducci, John J. Aldworth, Alvin Henry Arbeiter, Richard Batzkall, Raymond Bernard Beckman, Ralph Borgatell, William A. Boss, Halfdan Bruness, Albert Bruno, James M. Bulsback, John M. Collier, George W. Cvek, Frank "Fritz" DeLuca, Peter Ference, Nathan Firestone, Robert Foley, James C. Forster, Ernest "Ernie" Halverson, Harvey H. Hammerlund, Emmitt D. Hays, Richard A. Heffernan, Margaret J. Heinkel, Harold E. Heinkel, LeRoy "Lee" Herrick, Robert F. Holbach, George "Hoppy" Hopkins, Jr., David L. Jack, Jerome "Jerry" Jeslis, Rex L. Jones, William C. Jones, Robert C. Judd, Enoch Kanaya, George "Fred" Kays, Robert Knudsen, William B. Koerber, Phillip LaMantia, James L. Lausa, Wilbur Lewis, Pasqual "Pat" Lorenzo, Edward Malatesta, Gerald "Jerry" Mares, John E. McCambridge, Donnan A. McKie, Norbert M. Melsek, Anthony "Tony" Nauer, Kenneth G. Pearson, Melvin S. Peich, Antonio R. Petrella, Adam Petrolino, Richard A. Pfundstein, Budd E. Revesz, William V. Ried, Anthony Rizzo, Harry Ross, Andrew "Bud" Ryder, Victor Schaedel, Norbert M. Schmuttenmaer, Walter E. Silge, Joseph B. Smart, Victor Sneller, Harvey "Hary" Sorensen, Harold Stanton, Allen "Lefty" Stauffer, Joseph Frank Stedronsky, Aloysius V. Sulka, Eugene E. Sullivan, Frank S. Summer, Roger D. Thorngren, George S. Trunek, Earl Uberfall, Truex "Bill" Upchurch, Gene Urban, Tony Vallos, Michael J. Vivona, Edward J. Walz, Edwin E. Wentta, Merle L. Younce, Chester Zdunek, Seymour Zimmerman, Stanley M. Zmuda, Joseph F. Zver.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN S. RINGLER, THE TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S 2009 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan "Sue" Ringler, who has been named as the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care," and has been honoring exceptional individuals with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award for the past 26 years. Sue exemplifies the definition of a humanitarian, and is incredibly deserving of this award.

Sue has worked to serve her community and the city of Tempe in numerous and incredible ways. Currently a faculty associate with Arizona State University's School of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation at the West Campus, Sue is also the pastor of Guardian Angels Catholic Community. In the past, Sue was the manager of Paz de Cristo food kitchen

in Mesa when it began in 1988, and worked to make sure that this kitchen had a permanent location to feed the homeless. Sue also served as manager of Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade shop that sells crafts made in third world countries and sends the profits directly back to the artists. Sue also played a critical role in the development of both the Interfaith Hospitality Emergency Lodging Program and Tempe Homeless Connect.

Sue has contributed so much to the Tempe community with her unwavering devotion to helping the homeless and those in need. She is a role model for our community, and demonstrates what it truly means to be a humanitarian. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Sue for receiving the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, and for recognizing all of her past achievements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 3183.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226-2550

Description of Request: Provide funding for operations and maintenance of Saugatuck Harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account.

W.C. 'DUB' JONES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Today I come to remember W.C. "Dub" Jones of Port Arthur, Texas. Jones passed away on September 14, 2009 at the age of 69 after his fight against cancer. He was born in Bradley, Arkansas on June 20, 1940 to the late Tillman and Hattie Jones.

Jones moved to Port Arthur at a young age and later attended the local school. He began working in the late 1950's on inshore waterways of the Gulf Coast and then as a seaman serving abroad U.S. flagged cargo vessels. After spending several years out at sea, he went to work as a longshoreman in Port Arthur. Due to his continuous hard work, he rose to positions of greater influence and eventually became the Commissioner of the Port of Port Arthur in 2002.

He was known for his strong leadership and involvement with the local maritime industry